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Little Things.

I cannot do great things for Him
Who did so much for me,
But I would like to show my love,
Dear Jesus, unto Thee.
Faithful in every little thing,
O Saviour, may I be.

There are small crosses I may take,
Small burdens I may bear,
Small acts of faith and deeds of love,
Small sorrows I may share;
And little bits of work for Thee
I may do everywhere.

And so I ask Thee, give me grace
My little place to fill,
That I may ever walk with Thee,
And ever do Thy will;
And in each duty, great or small,
May I be faithful still.

—Selected.

Ravellings.

Bro. E. H. Smith says: 'I wish we had an evangelist in Pennsylvania.' I wish so to, and I wish the next convention would plan a work and furnish the means to work the plan.

Salvation is free, but it takes money to carry it to people, and the sooner the church gets down to good, honest, practical work the better it will be, the greater the success.

I congratulate Bro. A. M. Ridenour on his work, and through him the church at Prattville, Mich. May the child live, grow and develop into a noble worker for the Lord.

When a soul is converted it is all a glow with zeal for work, and when a church is organized it is filled with desire to develop. Then is the time to put in licks that will tell for eternity.

I was glad to read Bro. Swihart's report of Bro. Palmer. I made my home with his father during a meeting in Ohio, and thought John would gain the day for he had stickability.

A brother sent us a gold ring with orders to sell it and use the money in scattering the story of Jesus. A good use to which rings can be put. We can sell a few more.

'I feel it my duty to write to the EVANGELIST.' So says sister Nora E. Melton. Now how nice if a number of sisters would only do their duty in this respect. If only a short article it would help along the way. Try it sister.

We notice that Bro. Ira Slotter of Columbiany, O., has opened a printing establishment. We wish him success, and trust he may become a channel through which the Master may work for good.

What a pity there are so many thin-skinned people in the world. You have to walk on tip-toe around them, and even then fail to please, and in their presence you are not at ease.

I received a copy of *Our Morning Guide*, published by the M. E. church. In my judgment it is the best Sunday School paper published in the country. Horace Hastings *Little Christian*, excepted.

It costs five hundred dollars to get a permit to sell whiskey in our city. On Sunday I saw three men drunk, and they were just as drunk, and nasty, as though it only cost twenty-five dollars to sell the whiskey.

Bro. Clarence Yoder says: 'Some won't even look at the Prospectus simply because my name is Yoder.' It is a good thing to have a name with something in it. The name of Yoder has principle all around it.

Clarence is canvassing for: "Broken Fetters," a fine temperance work, and is doing well. A temperance man can make it go, a skeptic will make a failure. Am sorry our friends got caught in the small-pox.

I was caught in the small-pox once, in the very family where it was. I was a prisoner for some weeks, and it was months before some would come to hear me preach, and I reckon some stay away yet because of that case of small-pox.

I understand Bro. Shaver is delayed in reaching his new appointment, owing to the illness of his wife. May disease be overcome and the new work well developed.

In a private letter Bro. Beer, refers to our letter descriptive of the trip from Philadelphia to Ashland and return, and says he had visited most of the places. This we know, not only because brother Beer says so, but because he was asked after very often by his friends.

I wish Bro. Beer would have another dream, then we might get a good long letter for the EVANGELIST. Can you not dream again brother, or suppose you give us a letter right soon. It will be greatly enjoyed.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Miami Valley Items.

Bro. Bashor preached at our Miamisburg church until last Sunday evening, but on account of the dark nights, busy times and other mishaps the congregations were not very large. So as sister Bashor was not well and our brother Stephen was naturally feeling anxious about her, he started for Indiana on Tuesday morning.

We have no great number of additions to chronicle, but impressions have been made that must eventually redound to the glory of the church and the cause of Christianity generally.

Our brother intends to return to give the congregation at Winchester a week's meeting previous to their love feast, at which we hope to be present. Then again we believe he will, if at all possible, give the Dayton church a week's meeting.

If our brother decides to hold a week's meeting at Dayton, we hope every member of that and the neighboring congregations will do their best to bring about an awakening. Nothing can be done without the co-operation of the church. Of course Bro. Kiehl and Brumbaugh will do their best, but the lay members, brethren and sisters alike, should do their utmost to fill the church to overflowing.

A full congregation inspires a minister wonderfully. So *all* should put their shoulders to the wheel to bring about the desired end.

Every member, no matter how poor and illiterate has some influence, which they can use to fill up the church. No good can be done by the best of preachers unless the people are coaxed and flattered or in any way made to come to church. For unless they *hear* the Gospel how can they be saved.

Our little brother Kiehl is working amid many discouragements, yet with all that we see him meeting with much success. Considering all the drawbacks. Here within the last two weeks we find him taking seven into the church. This is better than we hear from our best organized churches, where we find few joining church only at protracted meetings.

On last Saturday evening we preached at Bear Creek church. On next Saturday evening and Sunday morning (April 20th and 21st) I will preach there again. Then on Sunday (21st,) I will preach in the afternoon and evening at Miamisburg.

The Miamisburg church has a bright prospect before it. By continual and constant work we expect, under God's blessing, to build up a large church here. So far we have had the Lord's blessing and we have prospered. The enemy of good is busy within and without, and yet with all that we expect to prosper as long as we cling to the truth, and keep ourselves beyond reproach and the calumny of general and personal enemies.

Bro. Cober is expected here sometime during the middle of this month. There are several churches in the Valley who could use him to great advantage.

The EVANGELIST contained some good news last week, and we heartily congratulate the Brethren on the success in several congregations.

It seems to me that the different congregations could be more punctually reported. Church news is very acceptable to the general reader. Then so many of our good writers are silent. Now brethren and sisters I am sure your time is not more occupied than mine. Yet with all the irons I have in the fire, I can always find a leisure few hours when I can write a few essays ahead, and then write a few items each week. It is just as we make up our minds to do. How can we expect to have an interesting paper if we keep silent. Considering the number of good writers we have, there are too many selected articles. Then our literature is entirely too scarce. I do not think we could find a church anywhere that shows more indifference to church literature than ours. It is no wonder we have such little encouragement to write tracts, etc.

On last Sunday night after Bro. Bashor had preached a powerful sermon a young man came to me and said he would like to know all about us and what we practiced, and would like to have some tracts to enlighten him about our faith and practice. Fortunately I had one of my books there, which I handed over and made him a present of, trusting it would answer the purpose. How can we expect our brethren to write tracts and books, when so many of our wealthy brethren will not encourage the enterprise by their patronage. As long as we remain stingy and indifferent we cannot expect to prosper. Other people of other churches cannot be expected to help us along.

They might do it to a certain extent, but we must remember that the success of the Brethren church depends on our own efforts and the Lord's blessing But the Lord will not bless where the members are indifferent, cold and stingy. Oh that the members of the church would become aroused to a sense of their responsibility.

There are many energetic members who have actually lost money by trying to further the Brethren cause by writing tracts on our peculiar doctrines. In fact I may go further, all who have attempted it, have lost money because of a lack of patronage. Then under such circumstances how can we expect to prosper as a church. Brethren think of this.

I had forgotten to say that our Bro. Bashor is nearly prostrated by overwork. He works hard, and throws all his strength, spiritual and temporal, into the cause. Unfortunately his constitution is none of the best. Those who sit and listen cannot help but sympathize with him, when they hear him speaking under many disadvantages. Considering how much work he has done, and what an effort it costs him, it is no wonder, every now and then, he is obliged to rest. Our Brethren must be lenient in condemning him if they should be disappointed. There are few men who work as hard as he does in the pulpit.

I remember the time, several years ago, he went to the school of Elocution at Philadelphia, hoping thereby to save his voice. But alas, as long as he kept the rules and regulations taught there prominent in his mind, the old fire that used to warm up the congregations went out. He was too intent upon doing things 'just so.' But he let the rules go by, and the old fire burns, and the consequence is all are warmed up. While he has undoubtedly improved somewhat, the school of elocution has enabled him to use his talents to greater advantage, and thus do more good. Whoever hears Bro. Bashor once desires to hear him again, and he will always find a hearty welcome where he has once preached. May God bless him and spare him to the church for many years.

EDWARD MASON.

Semiannual Report of the Treasurer of the S. S. C. E.

We are very much pleased that our report is as encouraging as it is. We had double the amount sent to us during the last six weeks, than we had the first six month of our organization. We hope this may continue. We are sorry that all of our branch societies have not reported, we feel that we have done our duty in notifying them that the time was here to send in their remittance. If I had the name and address of the Secretary of each Branch Society I don't know but what I would send them a notice and remind them of their duty and I know if they were as wide awake as our Secretary, we will certainly double the amount again by our next September remittance. We must keep these little streams flowing. If it were not for the rivlets and little streams that flow continually in the great ocean, how soon it would be unable to carry us from shore to shore. We trust that we will take new courage, and keep every little stream flowing on and on, and try to start new ones so that we may be able to help float out the Gospel ship that will gather in many precious souls, and land them on the shares of a blessed immortality. Our branch here at Louisville is alive to the work. We remit $9.45 to the general treasurer and have in reserve $9.45 to remit to the Home mission. We will try to keep this little stream alive. May God help us all.

Anna L. Dilts	$5.00
Nappanee, Ind.,	6.78
Milledgevill, Ill.,	6 40
Montana, Kans.,	2.50
Aurburn, Ill.,	2.75
Mapleville, Md.,	2.00
Milledgeville, Ill.,	5 00
St. James, Md.,	3 00
Masontown, Pa.	1 97
Plumville, Pa.,	1 00
Berlin, Pa.	2.50
Fair Haven, O.,	4 00
Nappanee, Ind.,	4 16
Louisville, O.,	9.54
	55.41
October remittance	23.25
Total amt.	78.66

Sarah H. Keim, Treasurer.

Not Alone.

'I am not alone.' John 8: 16. We think we hear many of the dear members back in Indiana say, well, sister Alice is alone, away out there in that far western home. Yes, dear members, I am alone so far as members of the church are concerned, but there is One who is standing by me, who hath promised never to forsake me, and with this faith I come through the columns of the EVANGELIST asking if there are not others that are willing to come to the west and help build up the cause. We have enlisted to battle for the right. I am the only member living in the territory as far as I know, and the longer I am here the more I am impressed that something must be done to save those precious souls that our beloved Saviour died to save. Now is there not a minister in the Brotherhood who is willing to come out here and build up a church? There are four churches here: Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist and Methodist, but spiritually at low ebb. I will farther say this is a healthy climate, and members who are suffering with malaria or lung disease will gain their health by coming out here in time. So, hoping to hear from some of you, I am your sister in the conflict.

A. E. STATLER.

Dillon, Montana.